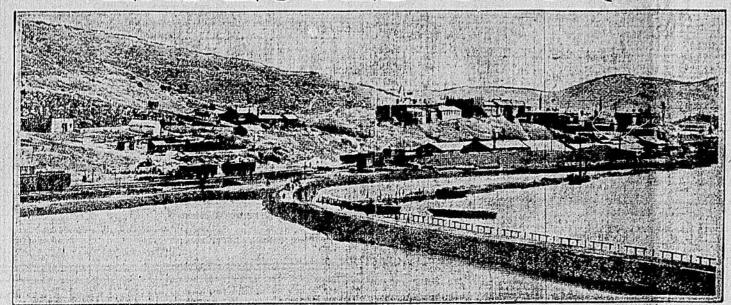
RICHMOND VA., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1904.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

DECISIVE ACTION EXPECTED SHORTLY



VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING THE GREAT DAM ACROSS THE HARBOR.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday.
Virginia—Cloudy Friday, with rain or snow in the south portion; Saturday rain or snow in probably rain; fresh east winds.
North Carolina—Cloudy Friday, rain by night; Saturday rain; fresh east winds.

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House looking to suit to recover
c's losses by Joseph R. Shepherd—
cation Commission takes steps toward
ordination of Baptist institutions in
State—Health of city declarat by
sicians to be unusually good—Church
doctors to meet in future at the Vira Club—Dr. Boatwright lectures on
status of education in Europe—Bapmissionaries selected for service in the
East—An appeal made to Virginin behalf of the burned Church of
Messiah—Railroad Y. M. C. A. to
brate its second anniversary Saturday

I handsome girt to the battesing -Brilliant wedding of Capiain V yers and Miss Sallie Estelle W alter D. Stewart, of Richmond, anta—Death in Huntington, W. ptain E. Macon Jones, formerly lifa—Dellinquent lands soon to MANCHESTER—Council to an

Virginia.

Virginia.

Norfolk's Chlef of Police lectures forry employers for allowing rioters to beat one of his men—James Frazer spends his last cent in Roanoke for laudanum and a room in which to commit suicide—Negro preacher on trial for obtaining money under false pretense arrested on another charge—Mrs. Terry dies at Brookneal, Va., leaving a hindred descendants—Graphie story of the drowning of the Owen brothers in Brittle's Mill pond—Measles aboard the receiving-ship Franklin at Norfolk—The Bank of Chase City changes presidents; the crists in the smallpox situation in that vicinity is over—Oakland, the ancient home of the Pendletons, in Charke county, burned—The Fissex Republicans have two parties and two sets of delegates—Farmers in the smallpox of delegates—Farmers and two sets of delegates—Farmers in the control of Roanoke, though to be becoming under a delusion in regard to an asseant on her, but it is a puzzling case—Judge Hundley appoints new officers of his court in Gumberland in vacalion—Hoats capsized in the Rappahannock and several men drowned—The Eighth District Republican Convention held in Alexandria and elects national delegates—James Nester and daughter die at the same hour at Gladesboro.

North Carolina.

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Secret service men arrest three counterfeiters at Lexington, N. C.—Lock Davis, shot by John Soloman at Charlotte several days ago, dies of his wounds—The execution of Johel Register public and hanging witnessed by great crawd; Register showed great nerve—Capfain McBee mined as receiver of the Atlantic and North Carolina Rathroad; gives bond and takes charge—Will Rogkan hung at Wadesboro for murder of Suilivan.

General.

Effort to advance prices of stocks meets with more success and there is an average gain of a point or more; close very dull—Admiral Togo is said to have received the attack on Port Arthur, which is taken to attack on Port Arthur, which is taken to mean that the Japanese are determined to bottle up or destroy the trussion for in order or have a free hand to have interesting to have landed a force at a six records to have a free hand to have interesting to have landed a force at a six records to have a free hand to have interesting to have a free hand to have a

Inferior to Those of Other Countries.

EIGHT-HOUR BILL DISCUSSED

Representative Hearst Makes Clap-Trap Argument in the Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25,-"Do rish or the English laborers in the shipards at Glasgow can do sixty per cent the same time than can be done by lames O'Connell, president of the Inter-Wallace Downey, a New York shipthe progress of a hearing to-day on the mittee on Education and Labor.

cally," answered Mr. Downey, "and I

perior to those of other countries.

Tremendous Handicap.

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"An arbitrary eight-hour day, which would prohibit overtime of any kind, would place a handicap upon the American shipbuilder that would lose for him all apportunity of participating in foreign trade," said Mr. Dowhey. He predicted that under such restrictions the shipbuilding of this country, except government work, would be a disgrace to the name of shipbuilding.

Representative Hearst cited as an example of the reduction of cost in manufacture that newspapers in the last ten years have dropped in price from five and three cents a copy to one cent a copy, and at the saine time the hours of workmen had been decreased and his wages.

nen had been decreased and his wages nereased. "If that can be done in the

newspaper business, why not l_B your business?" he asked. Mr. Dowrey thought that labor-saving machinery had caused the decrease in machinery had ca

RUSSIA IS MAD WITH US DETERMINED TO

American Workmen Declared Irritation Is Increasing and May Affect Trade With That Country.

ORDERS

COUNTERMANDED

No Reason Given, Except That They Do Not Desire Amer-

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.-The irrlation against the United States on ac count of the supposed unfriendly attl which was slightly noticeable through-out the negotiations, seems to have be-come daily more pronounced; and, since the Vicksburg incident at Chemulpo, American business men here alarmed concerning the possible effect

Within the last few days orders for Within the last lew seen counter-therican goods have been counter-nanded, the only explanation given be-

state Department, pointing out the state of public feeling here, and the great ective damage to

and attempt to send those officials to their posts, a really unpleasant incident might be created.

MISS CLAYTON TO MARRY ENGLISHMAN

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25.—The engagement is announced of Miss Cathleen Clayton, youngest daughter of United States Ambassador Powell Clayton, to Cunningham Grant Duff, charge d'affaires of Great Britain, who has been here some months. Another daughter of the ambasador married Baron Monchur, the Belgian minister at Washington.

MOTION TO INVITE BRYAN DEFEATED IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 25.—The lower house of the Mississippi Legislature to-day voted down almost unanimously a resolution to invite William J. Bryan to

CITY HAS FINE HEALTH BOARD

Typhoid Fever Cases Reduced by Half-Not Much Pneumonia.

Matter of Congratulation.

MAN WITHOUT HOME **COMMITS SUICIDE**

He Spent His Last Cent for Laudanum and a Room.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 25.-James Frazier, of Stuart, Patrick county, committed sufeido last night, by taking laudanum. He was found dead in the lodging house of Bachrach, on Norfolk Avenue, by the colored boy who was cleaning up

rooms. In one of his pockets was found a note written on a piece of wrapping "My name is James Frazier. I have no home. My address is Stuart, Va."
No other written matter and no money was found on his person. He was last seen alive yesterday afternoon when he bought a new undershirt, the bottle of

laudanum and paid his last cent for lodg-

Admiral Togo Again Attacks Port Arthur.

BOTTLE FLEET UP

Wants to Liberate Part of His Fleet for Duties Elsewhere.

FORCES CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN KOREA

Battle on Land May Take Place Shortly-Russia Orders Baltic Fleet to the Lar East. None of the Japanese

War Vessels Arc Injured.

to be decisive action both at Port Arthur and in northern Korea within the nex informed circles here.

p the Russian fleet in Port Arthur is taken here to indicate a desire on the to liberate a part of the fleet for other to co-operate with the land forces on the Yalu, and another is believed to be to which is reported as operating in the

May be Feint.

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The story of the landing of a Japanese force at Posslet Bay and the suggestion of a drive at the railroad to the west of Vladivostock may be a feint or a movement in force. Experts regard the former as more likely.

That the Russian and Japanese outposts in Northern Korea are close to each other, if not actually in touch, seems probable itrom the best news obtainable. Whether Japan is ready to hazard an engagement is not clear. It seems to be sure, however, that she will not make an advance movement until her plans have been completed, and it appears equally clear that Russia has no intention of forcing the fighting.

A very interesting statement is contained in a cable message from Paris, saying that representatives of the Japanese government have opened negotilitions for the purchase of several of the latest model alriships to be used in millitary and naval operations in the East.

This project, if successful, will be a startling simnovation in the art of war and will probably be the most effective plan of speedly bringing an enemy to terms. No fortification or battleship would then be safe. An airship could sail over a ship or fort and drop any quantity of explosives, just where they would do the most damage and could not be reached by any gun yet devised.

The fact that Russia considers the situation critical is evidenced by the fact that the Builtic fleet has been ordered to proceed to the far East.

The Manjur still remains in Shanghai and the danger of international complications has been further increased by the Japan-Korean treaty which bids fair to draw France in as an ally to Russia.

News from the Balkans is very dissorbiting and war may break out there at

draw France in as an ally to Russia. News from the Balkans is very dis-pulcting and war may break out there at any moment between Turkey and Bul-garla. This will undoubtedly involve sev, eral of the other European powers,

RENEW THE ATTACK.

Japanese Determined to Bottle Fleet of Russian Ships in Port Arthur Harbor.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PFTERSBURG, Feb. 35.-Major-General Pflug (the chief of staff of Vice-roy Alexief) telegraphs as follows gn-(Continued on Second Page 2

BAPTIZED WHILE SHE WAS SICK

Has Novel Experience

ILL FOR SOME TIME WITH CONSUMPTION

Recently Threw Away Medicines, Dismissed Physician and Asked to be Baptized.

EMBRACES DOCTRINE

And the Rev. Mr. Daugherty Waters of Gillie's Creek and Says She Has Experienced No III-Effects.

ion, yet refusing the treatment of physithe stimulus of drugs and waters of Gillies's Creek, in this city.

confined to her bed, dangerously Ill, and growing constantly worse, as she beshe got up, dismissed her physician, and threw the vials of medicine out of the window. Then she sent for the elders of the Apostolic Church, in Fulton, and on Wednesday, though still sick, she

weenessay night Mrs Williams was at the prayer-meeting at the church. The terrible danger to which she was ex-posed seems not to have affected her, at least so it is said. But the incident has given food for talk and thought to all af Fullon.

WHAT MR. DAUGHERTY SAYS. The paster of the Apostolic Church of Fulton, who baptized Mrs. Williams, is Rev. John W. Daugherty. He explained

his doctrines yesterday.
"We were once a part of the Baptist
denomination," he said, "but we began o discover errors, and we separated rom it. Ultimately we rejected the enfrom R. Ultimately we rejected the eli-tire Baptist falth. Along with the other things, we rejected the Baptist baptism, and hence we baptize our members anew, The form of the ceremony is the same— Immersion—but the significance of it is

(Continued on Third Page,)

Mrs. Williams, of Fulton,

OF DIVINE HEALING

Plunged Her Into the Icy

Created a Sensation.

The affair has created a small-sized sensution in the far East End. The statement that a woman, supposed to be at death's door, had been takers out of her house, driven some distance in a carriage, and then immersed in a creek, made many to gasp in dismay. Not a few expected to witness some serious results, and not a few continue so to expect. But up to this time, at least, their fears are unfounded.

The woman in question is Mrs. Robert

COMPLETE THE **CANAL COMMISSION**

President Has Practically Determined to Name Mr. Harrod as Seventh Member.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.-President Roosevelt has completed practically the personnel of the Isthmian Canal Comnission. Assurances have been received by the President that C. Ewald Grunsky, the San Francisco hydraulic engineer, who was tendered an appointment after the declination of Mr. Garber, will accept, although his formal acceptance has

cept, although his formal acceptance has not been received.

It is very probable that the seventh member of the commission, as heretofore indicated by the Associated Press, will be Benjamin M. Harrod, of New Orleans, a member of the Mississipi Rivar Commission. Some charges were made against Mr. Harrod, involving his capacity rather than his integrity, but thus far they are not taken very seriously by the President, indeed, it is known that the President has received from excellent sources the most cordial commendation of Mr. Harrod and of his ability. In the circumstances, therefore, it is entirely likely that this name will remain in the President's list of commissioners.

THE SOUTH GETS SMALL RETURN.

THIS BUT PART OF THE STEAL

He Is Also Short in Church Accounts and as Treasurer of Hospital.

Charged With Larceny

of \$104,000.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 25.—Wallace H. Iam, manager of the Foston B. anch of he American Surety Company, of Newfork, treasurer of St. Luke's Home for the American Sures.

York, treasurer of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, Roxbury, and until recently treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in this city, was arrested to-day charged with larceny of \$50,000 from the American Surety Company. He was arraigned and held by Judge Ely in \$50,000 for hearing March 3d.

In court, George N. Berry, counsel for the surety company, shited that, although the warrant alleged the appropriation of \$104,000, he was ready to prove

Paul's Episcopal Church were involved in the general deficit, but to what extent was not known.

The statement follows:

"The net shortage of Wallace H. Ham, who is treasurer of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, treasurer of St. Paul's Church, this city, and manager for the American Surety Company, of New York, is about \$190,000 in the three accounts, but the amount chargeable to each cannot be accurately stated until final audit. The American Surety Company, of Now York, has, forthwith by home.

plus of \$2,048,181, its Ham is forty-eight years of age. His home is in Brookline. He is married and has several children.

Makes Full Confession.

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(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—President Henry D, Lyman, of the American Surety Company, said to-day the discovery of the embezzlement was made receilly by the traveling auditor, and when Ham was accussed of being short in his accounts, it is said, he admitted the wronstoling, making a full confession, to the nuditor, and also to the trustees of St. Paul's Church and to the trustees of St. Paul's Church and to the trustees of St. Luke's Homes for Convolescents, of which institution he was also trensurer. The alleged defaulter also turned over all his property to the American Surety Company and St. Luke's Home.

MAJ. CONRAD ENDS AN ABLE ARGUMENT

Declares Adamantine Chain Binds Defendants to the Crime Charged.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the government in the postal trial, concluded his armument for the prosecution to-day. Justice Pritchard announced that he would deliver his charge to the jury to-morrow, Mr. Conrad declared that a grave doubt had arisen in his mind with respect to the gullt of Samuel A. Goff, He had the gullt of Samuel A. Goff, hie had not, he said, consulted his associated about this doubt, choosing to take the responsibility alone. "But," by conlined, "I cannot find in this evidence anything that warrants me in saying that it justified the conviction of Samuel A. Loff. It was, however," he added, "fixed on his mind unalterably and clearly, that the evidence, pieze by piece, not forged links which were woven into a nadamantine chain which the distribution of the other levices."

Wallace H. Ham Arrested and Senate Committee Amends the House Bill to Break Baylor Oyster Survey. LEGISLATORS ON IT Two From Tidewater, the Others From Other Sections, and

All Prominent. The Oyster Commission recommended by the Senate Committee for Fish and

HON. A. D. WATKINS, of Prince Ed COLONEL C. FENTON DAY, of Isle of

Wight county. DR. FRANK FLETCHER, of Accomac

county

This list briefly summarizes the report hat will be made to the Senate to-day by the Committee for Fish and Game, in ignte una vithin the nonnel bettel area within the nonnel survey. Delegate Jordan, of Frederick, patron of the bill; Delegate Hunley, of Mathews, and Senator George B. Keezell, of Rockingham.

Hard Fight.

vided in the bill as it will be reported to
the Senate that in the event of a vacancy
occurring on the commission it shall bu
filled by the remaining members by choosing a member from the same geographical
division from which the retiring mentber came. It is further agreed and stheulated that no member of the commission shall be engaged in the oyster hidustry in any way, as tonger, planter of
packer. An oath is required of members that they are not and will not during their service on the commission become engaged in the oyster industry. This
about summarizes the action of the centmittee hast night in the matter of amendments to the bill as it came from the
House.

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A hard fight was made in the Senato against the committee of three as constituted by the House, not so much upon the personnel of the committee as upon

Objection to Fisheries Board.

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The suggestion that the Board of Fisheries he substituted for the commission was objected to on the ground that one of the members of that hoard (Scintter Keezell) was also a member of the General Assembly. Senator Sears expressed doubt as to the cligibility of a member of the Legislature to zerve on the commission, and while many of the commisteemen do not agree with him in this contention, it was deemed best to leave no question as to constitutionality as a ground of objection to the bill when it comes up in the Senate.

Mr. Sears and Mr. Siands made the fight in the committee against the commission of three and against selecting the Board of Fisherics. It was Mr. Shands who proposed the committee against the cum who proposed the committee of five, the idea doubtless being that the majority outside of Tidewater would be smaller in such a commission than in one of three members.

No Provision for Deadlock. Apparently no provision has been made the event of a vacancy for breaking in the event of a vacancy for breaking a deadlock. Presuming, for illustration, that an up-country member died or resigned, the four remaining members would have to select his successor from the same locality or section. But there might easily be a deadlock as to the man to be chosen, with two Tidewater members favoring one man and the other two another.

two another.
The bill provides for a per diem of it.
the the the star actually engaged in the